Electrification of Pune-Wadi Section

6529. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for electrification of Pune-Wadi section on South Central Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to relative priorities for electrification of other high density sections and financial constraints.

[*Translation*]

Halt of Express Trains at Nagaria Sadat Station

6530. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for halting of Kisan Express and Delhi-Balamau Express at Nagaria Sadat station in Bareilly district; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon and when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Stoppage of 3307/3308 Ganga-Satlej Express and 4047/4048 Delhi-Balamau Express at Nagaria Sadat has not been found justified.

Proposal for rebate in tickets from Bareilly to Delhi

6531. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received suggestions for giving the rebate of 250 Kms. in the ticket to the passengers from Bareilly going to Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Suggestion for reducing the distant restriction for travel in Second Class by Shramjeevi train from 300 Kms. to 250 Kms. has been received. Since this is a superfast Express train, primarily for long distance passengers, it has not been found possible to relax the existing distance restriction.

[*English*]

Newsitem Agra Plans Mughal Extravaganza

6532. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Agra Plans Mughal Extravaganza" appearing in the Indian Express dated August 7, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether Government are aware that women were sold in Meena Bazar and screening of such type of scenes will be a great insult to them and will also encourage the exploitation of women by unsocial elements;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ban the proposed feature of dancers depicting the glory of the famous Meena Bazar; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). In order to provide a tourist attraction in the form of evening entertainment to foreign visitors, a Sound and Light Show depicting the cultural and historical highlights of Agra is proposed to put up by the Song and Drama Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with the support of the State Government and Tourism Guild of Agra. No scenes that are derogatory of Indian cultural heritage are proposed to be shown.

[*Translation*]

Superfast Trains from Barddhaman to Delhi

6533. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start a superfast train from Barddhaman station of West Bengal to Delhi via Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Kiul and Patna junction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Train Services Between Mugalsarai and Howrah

6534. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush of passengers in trains running between Mugalsarai and Howrah;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the number of coaches in the existing trains and also to start additional trains on this route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Some passengers remain on the waiting list.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) All the trains running between Mughalsarai and Howrah run with maximum permissible load. Additional trains cannot be introduced at present due to resource constraints.

[*English*]

Diamond Crossing at Sadar Bazar, Delhi

6535. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to diamond crossing at Sadar Bazar, Delhi, of metre gauge and broad gauge tracks, if one gauge train is detained due to any reason on diamond crossing the other trains also get held up; and